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Documents A through O were originally cited by the Patent Examiner in the parent case, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/881,806, which is now U.S. Patent No. 6,675,613. Documents P through Z were submitted by the present Applicant to the USPTO in support of arguments he made during the prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/881,806.

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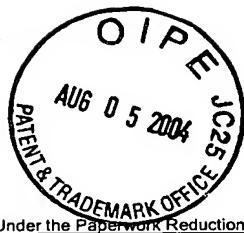
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